GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:553
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2008
PAY FOR ARMY PERSONNEL
Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan;Shukla Smt. Karuna

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn towards a news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated April 8, 2008 captioned 'Poor Pay Triggers Army Exodus';

(b) if so, whether the Government has examined the facts contained in the news report; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.553 FOR ANSWER ON 05.05.2008.

There is no large departure of officers from the Army. Army personnel are allowed to leave service on account of various reasons like supersession, extreme compassionate grounds, low medical category, failure to acquire minimum educational qualification, etc. However, these cases are examined on case to case basis subject to the exigencies of service. The number of Army officers who applied for premature retirement/resignation and the number of officers who were permitted to leave service due to various reasons during the last 5 years is 3474 and 2076, respectively.

The pay, allowances and other benefits admissible to the Army officers are as per Government orders issued from time to time. These are also examined by the Central Pay Commissions set up by the Government. Improvement of service conditions, pay and allowances of Army officers is a continuous process.